Welfare Schemes for the poor persons

5037. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many people have been benefited through the welfare schemes introduced by Government for the poor persons in the various States of the country, specially in the State of Punjab during the last two years;

(b) what are the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have formulated any new comprehensive plan for eradication the poverty of poor people in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITA RAM KESRI): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Facilities for the Welfare of Menially Handicapped persons

5038. DR. SANJAYA SINH:

SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR:

SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 280 given in the Rajya Sabha on 31st March, 1995 and state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the resolution passed by the World Congress for the welfare of the mentally handicapped persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when a decision is proposed to be taken thereon;

(c) what are the details of facilities which are now available for the mentally handicapped persons; and

(d) whether Government propose to reserve some jobs for them in public/private sector and if so, the details thereof and if not, what other measure Government propose to take to rehabilitate them?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITA RAM KESRI): (a) and (b) The resolution passed by the IX World Congress for welfare of mentally retarded in November, 1994 is under consideration.

(c) A statement is enclosed (*See* below).

(d) No proposal is under consideration of the Government for reservation for the mentally handietarded in the jobs in public and private sectors. Government proposes to set up a National Trust for welfare of persons with Mental Retardation and Cerebral Palsy to provide guardianships and foster care for mentally retarded and Carebral Palcied persons.

Statement

Facilities for the Welfare of Mentally Handicaped persons

The subject of 'Relief to the disabled and unemployable is the responsibility for the State Governments under Entry 9 in List II (State List). The Ministry of Welfare, Government of India plays a supporting and coordinating role.

The thrust of all the programmes/schemes implemented by the Ministry of Welfare for handicapped welfare is to bring the disabled persons including mentally retarded persons